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517 Please could you put WHO technical report # 527 and public health paper # 59 on the list of my requests. I have been sitting on a committee in California for the State Water Resources Board and the State Department of Public Health trying to figure out sensible policies with respect to water reclamation which is being pushed very hard for reasons that are not entirely clear to me in the local scene. One issue you will not have heard of yet, and which may or may not in fact emerge, is whether the use of chlorination for water supplies may not be contributing to the ozonedepletion problem (if there is one) to a degree that is competitive with freon. However, the use of chlorine for bleaching paper and textiles may even outweigh the sanitary applications. If this question does light up, I think it will take an agency like WHO to be able to manage something like the right kind of cost risk benefit analysis of the obvious tradeoffs. The issue arises from the fact that some unknown proportion of chlorine used for disinfection must appear in the output as volatile chlorinated hydrocarbons for which there is some evidence that they function in essentially the same way as freon.